Indo-US Defence Treaty

†1707. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal for defence treaty between India and U.S.A.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

CBI Investigation into supply of spares for ships

1708. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether C.B.I. has since completed the investigation into criminal conspiracy hatched by the senior officials of the Navy with the blacklisted ship chandlers for supply of spare parts for ships and submarine worth Rs. 4.92 crore;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, by when it is likely to be concluded; and

(c) what are the names of such blacklisted companies involved in this case and whether officials of Navy have since been suspended and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The CBI has not completed its investigation. However, as part of ongoing investigations the CBI has, in June 2001 filed an FIR in Delhi and Vishakhapatnam under the relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code and Prevention of Corruption Act.

One of the officers of the Navy and the following firms have been mentioned in the FIR:—

(i) M/s. Machinery Sales Corporation

(ii) M/s. Dynatron Services

(iii) M/s. Makalu Consulting Engineers (P) Ltd.

(iv) M/s. HC Supplies Division

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(v) M/s. Chidambaram Shipcare (P) Ltd.

(vi) M/s. SG Marketing Services (P) Ltd.

The Naval Officer involved has so far not been suspended as he has neither been formally charge-sheeted by the concerned Court nor Government sanction for the prosecution has been sought by CBI.

Safeguarding Indian Nuclear and Atomic sites

†1709. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in "Hindustan" dated the 13th September, 2001 under the caption, "Bharatiya Parmanoo Thikane Nishane par"; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto and what precautionary measures have been taken to safeguard the key buildings including atomic installations as well as sensitive and strategic establishments?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Appropriate measures continue to be taken to ensure security of such identified points, including strategic installations. Stringent security norms are enforced for their security. These measures are periodically reviewed.

Soldiers killed / wounded in post independence wars

1710. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the exact number of soldiers killed and wounded in the post independence wars;

(b) what is the number of soldiers killed and wounded in the First and Second World War;

(c) whether Indian Government is doing enough for the upkeep and maintenance of the Indian soldiers buried abroad; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) The details of Army Personnel killed and wounded in the post Independence wars are as under:—

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